

Bellingham Music Department
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Dear Music Families:

We are deep into the planning stages of our Fenway Performance on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. We would like to share the following information with you.

Performance date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Performance time: National Anthem and Star Wars music will be performed BEFORE the 7:10 p.m. game start.

Students who are performing: BHS Concert Band members, grades 9 - 12 and Color Guard members, and any 8th Grade Band members who choose to perform.

Itinerary: Students will report to school on **April 22 at 12:30 p.m.** with their instruments, uniforms, and equipment. We will have a short music rehearsal and then load buses and travel to Boston. We will have time for a short picnic and free time in the Prudential Center mall. We will then travel to Fenway Park for their performance. After our performance, students will put away equipment on our buses and trucks and re-enter Fenway Park to watch the game in the bleacher section in our assigned seats with music staff and chaperones.

Uniforms: All students must wear a BHS Marching uniform or Color Guard uniform. Students will wear marching band pants, marching shoes, music t-shirt and warm clothes after our performance. Anyone that does not currently have a uniform or needs to be refitted must attend our uniform fitting night during BHS Parent-Teacher Conference Night, **Thursday, March 19 from 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. This includes ANY 8th GRADERS who are performing.**

Seating: Music students will be assigned seats in the bleachers with chaperones and music staff. They cannot sit with their families for the game. We are adhering to the policies set forth by the Red Sox organization and have students' safety and security as a top priority.

Departure and travel home: Music students must travel back to BHS with the group. For everyone's security and the logistics of equipment and instruments, we cannot dismiss students at Fenway Park.

Pick-up from BHS after the game: We will update families on our anticipated arrival at BHS via Facebook and the website. Students will need to put away instruments, equipment and uniform accessories when they arrive at BHS (about 7 minutes of unloading time if everyone helps!).

Costs of this performance: The anticipated cost for individual students performing is \$35 at this point. The game ticket is \$15, T-shirts will be \$8 for participants, and \$12 to go toward transportation/food provided to the students. Bellingham Friends of Music are supporting the cost of transportation for this event. We are actively seeking donations from community members to lower these costs for all students. Once we have collected donations and finalized the ticket orders, we will announce the final cost of this trip for students and the due date. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN MONEY FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME.** We will notify you of the due date after ticket sales are completed. If there are any family hardships, please contact your music teacher or color guard coaches. Students will be eating a bagged lunch from home as our afternoon picnic and an early dinner in the Fenway Park area, but they may want to bring some spending money for a snack or souvenir from Fenway.

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Family & Friends tickets for the Red Sox Game: Tickets are now on sale at www.BellinghamMusic.org The deadline to order tickets for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. is **Friday, March 20, 2020**. This is the ticket order deadline. Remember: do NOT include your performing student in your family ticket order as they will not be sitting with you. Ticket sales will now be completed online through the Red Sox portal, you can pay via credit card and select your own seats! Please note: a portion of each ticket will support the transportation and student's costs for this trip and there is a small service fee for your ticket order in the Red Sox ticket portal.

Please help spread the word on social media about our group ticket sales! We would love to have a large group of supporters at this event!

FAQ's

Why are we NOT bowling this year? Due to the event date being in the middle of April break, we want to allow students and families to have more time for their own schedules. We still plan on having food for the students and some free time in Boston before we need to be at Fenway for warm-up.

What if my student does not want to perform? We recognize that not everyone is a baseball fan, but this is a unique opportunity and we'd like all students who are in town that day to participate. If you or your student have any concerns, please let us know. All students must return the attached form/permission slip with parent/guardian signature indicating if they are performing at Fenway. **We must receive this form back by Friday, March 13th.**

You need to return this form with parent/guardian signature even if you are not planning to perform. We need an accurate headcount.

What if my student wants to perform but does not want to wear a uniform? Every performer, band and color guard, must wear a uniform. We want to look sharp for this public performance. The students will only need to wear their uniform for the actual performance and then will be allowed to change into casual clothes.

What if my student wants to sit with our family during the game? We understand that family members may want to sit with their students, but due to safety and logistics, all students must sit with the music program for the game. This is not optional. This year, all group tickets will be in the bleachers, so everyone will be in close proximity.

Can I be a chaperone on this trip? If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email Ms. Forte or Mrs. Blakely.

What if I have another commitment during the day but still want to perform? Please contact Ms. Forte if your student wants to perform in the evening but cannot meet at BHS at 12:30 p.m.

Final Information: We will prepare a final trip information hand-out with final costs, detailed itinerary and packing lists. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact your student's music teacher or color guard coach.

COSTS BREAKDOWN: For Grades 8 – 12 Band members and Color Guard members:

Red Sox Event Costs: \$35.00 (anticipated)

This cost will include the T-shirt for the Red Sox Game, Red Sox Game ticket and transportation/snacks. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN MONEY FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME. We will notify you of the due date after ticket sales are completed.

REMEMBER: DO NOT ORDER TICKETS FOR YOUR PERFORMING STUDENTS WITH YOUR FAMILY ORDER. The attached form must be returned by Friday, March 13th for all students (even if you are not attending).

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Forte or Mrs. Blakely.

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PARENTAL CONSENT, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT Voluntary Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Programs, Field Trips (Effective October 1, 2002)

The undersigned states that he/she is the parent or legal guardian of

_____ (name of student)

an unemancipated student. On behalf of said student, I agree as follows:

1. I consent to his/her participation in Bellingham Music Rehearsal and Performance at Fenway Park, Boston, MA on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. This field trip includes bus transportation to Boston.
2. I hereby release, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the Town of Bellingham, a municipal corporation of the State of Massachusetts, and its successors, departments, (including, but not limited to, the Bellingham Public Schools), officers, employees, servants and agents, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, damages, costs, and expenses on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly or indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damage which I may now or hereafter have as the parent or guardian of said minor, and also all claims or right of action for damages which said unemancipated minor has or hereafter may acquire resulting from his/her participation in the Bellingham Public Schools' athletic activity, field trip, or extracurricular programs.
3. I hereby agree to protect the Town of Bellingham and its successors, departments, (including, but not limited to, the Bellingham Public Schools), officers, employees, servants, and agents against any claim for damages, compensation or otherwise on the part of said minor growing out of or resulting from injury to said minor in connection with his/her participation in the Bellingham Public Schools' voluntary athletic programs, field trips, or extracurricular programs, and to indemnify, reimburse or make good to the Town of Bellingham or its successors, departments, (including, but not limited to, the Bellingham Public Schools), officers, employees, servants and agents, any loss or damage or costs, including attorney's fees, the Town or its representatives may have to pay if any litigation arises from said unemancipated minor's intentional, grossly negligent, or reckless acts of omissions while participating in said programs.
4. **Wednesday, April 22, 2020:** I understand that my student will travel to and from Boston with the music program on buses. All students are responsible for following all school policies, music department rules and behavior expectations for this event. I understand that my student **cannot** travel home with family or friends from Fenway Park and must ride the bus back to Bellingham High School at the conclusion of this event.
5. **Packing List:** Report to school at 12:30 p.m. on 4/22/20, wear music shirt and marching pants and marching shoes. Bring a weather-appropriate outer layer, bring bagged lunch, bring full marching and/or guard uniform, uniform accessories, bring music instrument and guard equipment, do not bring valuables, small amount of spending money is recommended.
6. Payment: \$35 check/money order payable to: Bellingham Friends of Music. Do not send money at this time.

THIS FORM IS DUE TO MRS. BLAKELY by FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020. If you have financial concerns, please email Ms. Forte at mforte@bpsdk12.org or Mrs. Blakely at bblakely@bpsdk12.org

Student's Full Name: _____

My student will be participating and performing in this event.

My student is unable to participate in this event (please add parent/guardian signature below).

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Relationship

Today's Date

Signature of Student

Parent Emergency Phone Number

Today's Date